ANTI BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA TRAFFICKING

STRENGTHENING ANTI-TRAFFICKING ACTION IN BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA (2023-2024)



WHAT IS THE PROJECT ABOUT?

The Project aims at strengthening the prevention of human trafficking and the protection of victims of trafficking. It supports Bosnia and Herzegovina in the implementation of the <u>Council of Europe Convention</u> <u>on Action against Trafficking in Human Beings</u> and the national Anti-trafficking Strategy and Action Plan. The Project provides policy and legislative advice to competent institutions as well as technical support to professionals and civil society organisations, drawing on urgent recommendations by GRETA in its <u>third</u> <u>country evaluation</u> report.

As Party to the Convention, Bosnia and Herzegovina must adopt in its action a coordinated and multidisciplinary approach, incorporating prevention, protection of victims' rights and prosecution of traffickers. The Project will assist the stakeholders in this regard, and make sure that its activities follow a human-rights based, gender and child-sensitive, and cross-sectoral approach.

WHAT DO WE EXPECT TO ACHIEVE?

The Project is expected to achieve key results in four priority areas:

- Strengthening victims' access to justice and effective remedies, including compensation;
- Inclusion of survivors of trafficking in anti-trafficking decision-making and action;
- Improving measures to prevent and combat trafficking for labour exploitation;
- Improving measures to prevent and combat child trafficking.

The Project is implemented in the framework of the <u>Council of Europe Action Plan for Bosnia and Herzegovina</u> (2022-2025), from 1 January 2023 to 31 December 2024.

PROJECT STAKEHOLDERS, TARGET GROUPS AND BENEFICIARY

The State Co-ordinator for combating trafficking in human beings and illegal migration within the Ministry of Security of Bosnia and Herzegovina is the leading institution for the coordination of the Project interventions with State anti-trafficking action and other international anti-trafficking projects in Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Other stakeholders to be involved in the implementation of the Project will include:

- Relevant Ministries as represented by the national anti-trafficking coordination mechanism
- Relevant governmental agencies, judicial entities, institutes, and associations
- Legal professionals (prosecutors, judges, lawyers) and Police officers
- Labour inspectors, Tax inspectors, and Trade unions
- Employment agencies and Businesses
- Education professionals and Child protection professionals
- Social workers
- Civil Society Organisations
- Representatives from ethnic and migrant communities

The Project will bring benefits for:

- Victims of human trafficking, regardless of their immigration status
- Children and young persons
- Vulnerable persons from communities at-risk of trafficking, such as Roma, migrants and refugees, including unaccompanied and separated children
- BiH nationals seeking job opportunities abroad

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